

Contestants Are Agreed That Puzzle Is Hard One

"I THINK you have succeeded in giving us a real racker this week," declares one of our correspondents.

"For my part my list is usually in among the very first, even if I never have won a prize, but this week I am with my solution begun on Sunday hanging around yet. I am sending in my contribution devoid of three names, which I surely ought to have. However, I have discovered the author whose name is spelled by the initials of the surnames of the others, and I am so reduced to submission by the magnitude of the puzzle problem that I even take great satisfaction in this feat. The poet is—

"Now here is a query: If no other contestant has more names than I, am I eligible for a prize?"

Well, the answer to that question is, certainly in such a case you would get the prize. The trophies go to those sending the first correct or nearest correct list, all other things being equal. That is to say, if the neatness and timeliness and originality of another contestant's list does not preponderate your catalogue of excellence, the prize goes to you.

Incidentally here is another puzzler

Silk Seems to Be Leader Among Spring Leaders

Silk seems to have the leading place in the spring dress goods material, with foulards and pongees leading everything else. Some of the new foulards are beautiful enough to supplant the older and stiffer fabrics, and when skillfully handled make wonderfully smart and pleasing dresses.

One, for instance, so soft and pliable it seems more like a satin crepe than silk, has a dull red background against which show large white discs, shaded somewhat and softened by small rays throughout them. The bordered foulards are to be much used in the quaint apron fashion, or "lavanduse," as it is called, but as it is so popular a fashion it will doubtless be overdone quickly.

A good combination of the foulards is that of the plain silk of the exact shade of the background, and the overprint or apron effect in the pretty faceted designs. Where the dotted or figured foulard is used they are veiled three-quarters of the way, with the marquisette, voile, or chiffon cloth of the exact shade of the silk, and the effect is very pretty.

Foulard is the ideal summer silk, as it is soft and cool, and the best grades are shower-proof. They last forever, and as long as there is anything in them they can be used again and again with some slight changes to fit the styles of the moment.

WHITE BEST COLOR FOR COUNTRY HOUSE

The safe colors for a house, besides red, are white, gray, yellow and brown. Yellow or gray, with white trimmings, suits many a plain pitch-roofed or square colored house. Grays and browns are good for ugly, nondescript ones; the grays always being pleasant on the yellow shades than on cold blue tones. White suggests the formal type again. It is a very good color for a country house, showing it up from a distance in fascinating glimpses, for it needs trees about it and flowers to sparkle against its walls. Such a house will be attractive when the leaves are gone from the trees, for the bare boughs will serve to soften the effect.—Berliner's Magazine.

FOR WASH TRIMMINGS.

Wash trimmings show a great deal of meretricious unbecoming in bold designs and are shown in the same forms as those intended for silk and woolen garments. Metallic effects are even carried out in the wash trimmings.

TO KEEP SAFETY PINS.

When you want safety pins always at hand pin one of each size to the edge of a hanging pin cushion, and chain each size to the one of like size, having four or five in each chain. After using a safety pin don't lay it down, but chain it in its place and it will save time.

The Bedtime Story.

Published for the thoughtful mothers who wish to read to the little folk while they are being tucked into their beds for the night.

THE POTATO BUG'S SWING.

By FARMER SMITH.

THIS is the story Ethel's father told her last night:

"Sing high-low, sing low-low; up and down we go!"

"I wonder what on earth that noise is?" said Mr. Potato Bug, as he got up off the sofa and looked out of the window.

"The sight that greeted his eyes amused him greatly. There were his three dear children swinging high and low on the swing he had made for them. He noticed, however, that the swing was too low and was touching the ground. He knew that this meant the children would soon be in for him to help them fix it."

"He was right, for soon he heard them scampering up the steps, and he lay down again as fast as he could on the lounge, so that he could pretend to be fast asleep."

"He was snoring away when the children came to where he was."

"How can we wake him and make him think we were playing?" asked Fatha.

"Let's tickle his nose with a piece of straw and maybe he will think it is a fly."

"So they got a piece of straw and tickled their father's nose and he jumped up in the air."

"What on earth are you children doing to me?" he asked.

"Oh!" they all said at once. "Are you awake?"

"You know I am awake, and what do you want with me?" he said.

"We want you to help us fix our swing," said the children.

"I know what you youngsters are up to, you want to see me climb that little apple tree again while you stand down below and make fun of me. No-sir-ee, you do not catch me doing that again!"

"Then the Potato Bug children looked very sad and all stood in a row around their father. Then, one by one, they came up and gave him a big hug and kiss."

"Come on, come on," he said. "You

who has had much the same experience."

Dear Miss Carroll:
I found Sunday the name of a poet, who is a favorite of mine, but to save me I can't find the two I have left out. I only send this in as a reminder I am still enjoying your puzzle. Of course, not being all here, I am not eligible for a prize. Yours cordially,
LENA G. FOSTER,
1823 Eighteenth street northwest.

Possibly it is just as well to say that Mrs. Foster might very readily be eligible to the prize as, for instance, if no other contestant had so many numbers correctly answered. It is always a very good plan to enter the race. If one reaches goal first, all well and good. If one does not, there is always another opportunity to those who are in earnest.

After working for several days I should say it would be rather foolish not to submit one's solution. One never does know how things have come along with the other members of the circle and it is, after all, a very trifling inconvenience to send in the list you have made out. Is it not?

Frances Carroll

Answers to Queries From Times Readers

Hair Treatment.

Mrs. S. I know of no preparation which will give golden brown tint to hair that has been bleached. I suggest your going to some reliable professional and having her treat your hair. You will find this much more satisfactory than trying experiments.

Proper Dress For Sunday.

Daily Subscriber—Proper dress for Sunday (or any other afternoon) before 6 o'clock calls for a frock coat. After 6 o'clock the Tuxedo or dinner coat is worn unless on occasions of much ceremony, when the evening dress coat is in order.

For Merchant Marine.

A. F. M.: Young men receive their education for positions in the merchant marine on sunboats which are splendidly equipped for nautical instruction. The instructors are retired naval officers. Such boats are the Newport, stationed at New York, the Adams, at Philadelphia, and the Ranger, at Boston.

Massage of Scalp.

Peroxide—There is nothing for you to do but to wait until your hair grows out. The use of sage tea is not only beneficial as a tonic, but the sage, it is said, dries the hair, however. Your hair would still be streaked no matter what course you pursue. My advice is to give your head a thorough massage daily, using the sage tea. In the course of a few months you will notice a difference not only in the color, but the texture of the hair.

ORGANDIE USED FOR DRAPERIES

Extremely pretty cover draperies for girls' bedrooms can be made from flowered organdie combined with plain lawn or Swiss in the predominating color of the figured material. The plain goods is used for the borders or hems, the width depending upon the size of the article it trims. For instance, curtains should be finished with a wide, hand like hem, while the bed spread requires a border somewhat narrower. For pillow slips, chair cushions, bureau scarfs and small table covers a strip measuring about one to one and a half inches wide will answer.

DARNING WEAK SPOTS.

Every housewife worthy the name will give the weakest ears and over-sight to her linen, and will always darn the weakened spots and not wait for the holes to appear.

ACTRESS' ARTISTIC GOWN

Daily Fashion Talk.

By FRANCES CARROLL.



THE barbaric splendor of the present modes in woman's attire is admirably exemplified in the garment which Miss Trixie Friganza wears in the picture reproduced today. Reifern is authority for the role which embodies the latest ideas in the prevailing tunic. The gown itself is a superbly well adapted as a foil for the over-gown of coral silk net embroidered in an elaborate and intricate design with corals of all sizes and descriptions.

To give grace and lightness to the robe, certain of the embroidered motifs are followed by a half circle of pendant fringe in tiny corals, the same embellishment finishing the drapery and outlining the ornament which forms the sleeve trimming.

Miss Friganza's toque, too, is worth a bit of consideration from the woman who likes modish ideas, the softly draped brim and the immense algebric of the curled feather bouquet being distinguishing features of the latest French fancies.

The Parisians call these entrancing pieces of headwear "chapeau turbans," and in some designs have the "bouquet" placed full face and toweringly upright.

HASTY DRINKING INJURES CHILDREN

Milk is usually perfect food for children, and if a child is fond of it it is always a safe article to fall back upon, especially in case of illness. Teach your boy or girl to sip milk, and not "gulp" it down, as this hasty drinking causes it to form an indigestible curd in the stomach. Instead, train the child to take all food slowly and insist upon thorough mastication of all solids.

Steadiness of purpose and calmness of decision should be inculcated in children born today.

DECOLLETE GOWNS WITH SHORT SKIRTS

The decollete gown with short skirt all around is the latest manifestation of one of the leading makers of Paris. Such gowns have the shapeliest look of the past year, but being made of thin materials owe their straight outline more to suppleness of material than to the influence of fashion. The decollete gowns are being made without trains, although the style can hardly be ranked among the definitely accepted modes.

How to Make Some Savory Dishes for the Dinner Table

PEANUT SOUP.

This is made like a dried pea soup. Soak a pint and a half nut meats over night in two quarts of water. In the morning add three quarts of water, a bay leaf, stalk of celery, blade of mace, and one slice of onion. Boil slowly four or five hours, stirring frequently to prevent burning. Rub through a sieve and return to the fire. When heated through again add one cupful cream. Serve hot with croutons.

FISH—SAVORY HALIBUT.

Separate cold boiled or steamed halibut in flakes, there should be two cupfuls. Cook one-half tablespoonful of chopped onion and two tablespoonfuls each of chopped red and green pepper in one-fourth of a cupful of butter five minutes, stirring almost constantly. Add one teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of paprika and a few grains of pepper. Cook three minutes, add four tablespoonfuls of flour, and stir until well blended; then pour on gradually, while stirring constantly, one cupful each of milk and cream. Bring to the boiling point, and add the fish. Arrange

slightly buttered scallop shells in a dripping pan, fill the shells two-thirds full of the fish mixture, cover with buttered cracker crumbs, and bake until the crumbs are delicately browned. Arrange on a serving dish, and garnish with parsley. Scallop shells are inexpensive; they may be bought of almost any dealer in kitchen furnishings for about 25 cents a dozen, and they may be used for many rechauffes. If you haven't them, try cooking this fish mixture in a single baking dish, using the buttered crumbs just the same; if you want to economize, use all milk instead of one-half milk and one-half cream.

VEGETABLES—FRICASSEED POTATOES.

One of the Hungarian ways of transforming white potatoes is to fricassee them. A small onion is sliced, placed in a saucepan with one desertspoonful of butter, a dash of paprika and salt, and fried a light brown. The potatoes, cut in small squares, are then poured into the saucepan and covered with boiling water. When the water has boiled away, the potatoes are soft and

mealy and tinted a golden red from the butter and paprika. They are just as good as they look.

DESSERT—LEMON JELLY WITH FRUIT.

Lemon jelly is far from the ordinary if a trick or two is played with it. To two and one-half cupfuls of boiling water add one cupful of sugar and four cloves; again bring to the boiling point, and let boil two minutes. Remove from the range, and add two tablespoonfuls of granulated gelatin soaked in one-half cupful of cold water, and one-half cupful of lemon juice. Cover, and let stand until nearly cool. Strain one-half the mixture into a brick mold first dipped in cold water, and to the remaining one-half add the white of one egg beaten until stiff, one-half cupful of canned Hawaiian sliced pineapple cut in pieces and one-fourth of a cupful of raisins seeded and cut up. Fill the mold with the second mixture and chill thoroughly. Remove from the mold, and garnish with sections of slices of pineapple and candied cherries cut in fancy shapes.

NEW LADDER SERVES A DOUBLE PURPOSE

Not every family has a long and a short ladder about the house, and it often happens that where one of these will not suit the other will.

A Canadian has invented a ladder that answers both purposes and when folded (for it does fold) takes up less room than even the old style small ladder.

It is made in three sections, one on the other and hinged together on one side and in the back. On the other side are nine to keep it in place when it is extended or its short form this ladder is a safe one, but it has no back support and must be leaned against the wall.

After the top section has been bent down on the side it folds back and when the second section is down the three fold together like a three-part screen.

When the ladder is not in use it can be stowed away behind a door or in a corner, as it does not take up as much room as a chair.

EYELET PATTERNS IN EMBROIDERIES

The eyelet patterns are well liked in all forms of embroidery, as they are similar to the designs of the Madeira embroideries, which are much favored by smart women. The Swiss embroideries in both blind and openwork effects and combinations of both are popular for lingerie furnishings, and are used for lingerie dresses and muslin underwear. The balliste embroideries in edges and insertions have a vague and some attractive flower and conventional designs are seen. The cambric edgings and inserts are simple, and are colored embroideries are shown in an extensive line. Pale blue, pink, and lavender are the colors most strongly favored.

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FOR the girl who intends to become a trained nurse good health is a prime requisite. If a girl has a tendency to give up for every trifling ailment, feels she must go to bed every time she has a headache or backache, she would be wise to enter some line of work entailing less responsibility, something that can be laid aside and resumed in a few days without serious embarrassment.

Nursing does not call for an unusual amount of physical strength, but it does require endurance, grit and headiness. Comparatively few schools care to carry through a long period of training a girl who is liable to report "unable for duty" every week or two, liable to fall when needed most.

The requirements in the line of general education vary. Since the beginning of training-schools there has been a rule that, all other things being equal, young women who have had superior educational advantages will be preferred, and, in any case, a good English education is necessary.

If a girl is a capable, neat, systematic housekeeper, she is more likely to make a success as a nurse, for in the last analysis nursing involves a good deal that is nothing more or less than housekeeping for the sick. Many girls who have had the advantages of a college education have proven brilliant failures as nurses, while thousands who have never spent a day in a high school today are occupying positions of trust and responsibility in the nursing world.

In no line of human activity does the personal equation enter so largely. Talent and education are all desirable, but tact and common sense will carry a girl through to success where talent and scholastic attainments will utterly fail. The nurse who is willing, kind, tactful, who will humor the sick where it makes no difference; who knows how to get along with people; who realizes that pleasing the invalid is a very important factor in her success, financial and otherwise, is the one who will be in demand.

Gems of Artificial Make Now in Great Demand

When it becomes possible to produce artificially real diamonds and rubies, even in the most tiny particles, a vista opened at the end of which lay genuine stones of marketable size and possible to distinguish from those produced by the slow process of nature.

Quite recently rubies have been made of good size, marketable as precious stones and affecting only one difference from the natural stones by which they could be detected, and this one which could not be detected by any ordinary observation. Now comes announcement of the arrival in New York of artificial sapphires made according to a discovery published a few weeks ago.

It is declared that this far no test has been discovered by which they can be distinguished from natural stones. At the same time there has appeared a new imitation sapphire which has been offered in the wholesale market under the name synthetic sapphire so as to set a higher price than would be paid for it as an imitation. But this yields to the hydrofluoric test.

SPAGETTI AND WALNUTS.

Following is a recipe for spaghetti and English walnuts, a la Bismarck: Cook two and one-half cups spaghetti, broken in inch pieces, till tender. Drain and separate by pouring on and off quickly a cup of cold water. Butter a baking dish and line the bottom with spaghetti. Add half a cup of walnuts, sprinkle slightly with salt and pepper and then add a layer of Béchamel sauce, the recipe for which can be found in any cook book. Repeat until pan is filled, having sauce on top. Sprinkle with crumbs. Bake until nuts are tender (about an hour in moderate oven).

Lettuce and Fresh Eggs Forced Upward in Price

The winter season just ending has not been very favorable for Florida vegetables. Frosts spoiled many of the crops, and lettuce was one of those most affected. It has been rather difficult to get good lettuce, and just as soon as a little of superior quality reaches the market the price goes up. There was an increase of 50 cents a basket on top grade this morning.

New York has been calling heavily on Washington this week for eggs, and in response to that demand another cent was added to the Washington prices today. New York has come to depend more largely on the South for eggs than in former years because of the fact that the Western supply, which formerly satisfied the needs of the metropolis, is now almost entirely consumed in the West.

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Sweet Potatoes, per case, \$1.75; per large can, 7 1/2c	Fancy Red Sockeye Salmon, fat cans, per case, \$7.25; 3 for, 50c
25c Blue Label Catsup, per case, \$8.95; per bottle, 16c	15c Blue Label Catsup, per case, \$2.45; per bottle, 10c
Buckwheat, per 100-lb. bag, \$2.35; 10 lb. for, 25c	Regina Cal. Lemon Cling Peaches, per case, \$2.90; per can, 12 1/2c
Potatoes, per peck, 15c; 24-bu. bag, \$1.35; per bu., 59c	Taylor Brand Preserves, per case, \$2.10; per jar, 10c
Fat Norway Mackerel, per bbl., \$13.50; 6 for, 25c	Breakfast Herring Roe, per case, \$1.90; per can, 8c
California Prunes, per box, \$2.25; 5 lbs. for, 25c	Quaker Matches, per case, \$5.50; per doz., 10c
Noiseless Tip Matches, per case, \$1.70; per doz., 15c	Willbur's Baking Chocolate, per box, \$1.50; per can, 35c
Nelson's Milk Chocolate, per box, 90c; 3 cakes for, 10c	Nanticoke Tomatoes, per case, \$1.00; per can, 7c
Paragon Brand Plums, per case, \$1.90; per can, 8c	Tidal Wave Hake, per case, \$1.70; per can, 5c
Blue Label Evaporated Milk, per case, \$2.30; per can, 5c	Strawberry Boots, per case, \$2.25; per can, 10c
U Auto Eta Peas, per case, \$1.65; per can, 7c	Continental 1 Oil Sardines, per case, \$3; 3 cans for, 10c
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